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We **NOW** have EN approval to issue the enclosed statement to **all media and stakeholders** through the EN email address.

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Nick

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**Ennahdha mourns the sad passing of President Beji Caid Essebsi**

**Tunis, Thursday 25 July 2019**

On behalf of the Ennahdha Renaissance Party, we mourn the tragic passing of the President of our Republic, His Excellency Mohamed Beji Caid Essebsi.

We extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to President Essebsi's family and to all Tunisians everywhere. We pray that God has mercy on his soul.

Rached Ghannouchi, President of Ennahdha, said, "President Essebsi was a true patriot and a pillar of Tunisia's democratic transition. He made history as the first elected president of Tunisia's Second Republic. He would have wanted all Tunisians to uphold the Constitution and rule of law and to maintain our democratic path, no matter what challenges we face".

We call on all Tunisians to support and be part of the peaceful transition of power in accordance with our constitution, the rule of law and the protection of our democratic institutions.

Ennahdha Party  
President's office

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# A Statement from the Ennahdha Party



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Ennahdha Party Statement on the Eighth Anniversary of the  
Revolution

Tunis – January 14, 2018

Rached Ghannouchi, President of Ennahdha, the Muslim Democrat party of Tunisia today said: "Toppling the former regime of dictatorship and corruption in 2011 was a Tunisian achievement that took our country into the ranks of free nations. It has allowed our people to create a democratic transition founded on dialogue, partnership and consensus-building and has laid the foundation for greater democracy and guaranteed freedoms. The success of our revolution has gained international recognition."

"Today, eight years after the success of the revolution of freedom and dignity, despite all difficulties and dangers, the Tunisian exception still stands, and the struggle of our people to consolidate its achievements continues. Nevertheless, the magnitude of our political progress does not make Tunisians blind to the pressing need to complete the social, economic and development goals of the revolution, nor to the challenges still facing our country. Ennahdha joins all Tunisians in their celebration of the anniversary of the revolution."



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# 70th Newsletter

- March 8, 2019 -

Covering news from Tunisia and Ennahdha



## A WORD FROM RACHED GHANNOUCHI

President and Co-Founder of the ENNAHDHA PARTY

Earlier this year, we marked the eighth anniversary of the January 14 Revolution that opened the doors to democracy in Tunisia. After decades of dictatorship, the country found itself faced with new possibilities to create a democratic future. Over the past eight years, the revolution has brought newfound freedoms, rights, and opportunities for Tunisian women and men across our nation. Only four years after the adoption of the new Constitution by the National Constituent Assembly on January 26, 2014, Tunisians can express themselves freely, establish associations, vote, protest and advocate for their diverse visions of a better and brighter future for our children. It is with great satisfaction that we read the findings of the Freedom House's 2018 Freedom Index, which finds Tunisia is the freest country in the Arab world.

In 2018, Tunisia continued to lay the foundations of important democratic institutions, piece by piece. We launched the biggest administrative reform since 1956, which transfers power to local and regional authorities through the Code on Local Authorities, held free and fair municipal elections for the first time, and passed the Start-Up Act to stimulate entrepreneurship, the Prevention of Violence Against Women law, and the first legislation in the Arab world to tackle racial discrimination.

Undoubtedly, we still face fundamental challenges. Economic reforms are underway but there is an urgent need to create more jobs and opportunities for Tunisians across the country, particularly for youth in marginalized inner regions. Nevertheless, the progress achieved in 2018 must be celebrated and built upon, and I am very proud of the role Ennahdha has played in it. There remains much more work to do, but we have created the momentum to change our country for the next generation of Tunisians.

Looking ahead to 2019, our priorities are to deliver reforms that revitalize the economy, unlock opportunities for growth, and strengthen protection for rights and freedoms for all citizens. We must also work to support municipalities to deliver for their constituents and make decentralization a success. We welcome greater



collaboration with international partners and organizations to build the capacities of thousands of new local officials elected in 2018.

On December 14, 2018, I witnessed a solemn reminder of how far we have come in the past eight years at the final public meeting of the Truth and Dignity Committee as it presented its report and recommendations following its four-year investigation into the human rights abuses, violence and financial crimes of the pre-2011 authoritarian regime. We welcome the acceptance and recognition of the crimes of the past, and call upon all state institutions to implement the recommendations made. We must learn from the past to ensure such acts are never repeated. We must continue consolidating and embedding respect for fundamental rights and equality into the democratic culture of Tunisia in 2019 and beyond.

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## ENNAHDHA & TUNISIA UPDATES

[Ennahdha Party Statement on the 25th Ordinary Session of the Consultative Council](#) –

*February 10*

[Ennahda Party Statement on the Eighth Anniversary of the 17 December – 14 January](#)

[Revolution](#) – *January 13*

[Ennahdha Party Statement on the President](#) – *December 29*

[Ennahdha Party Statement following the Executive Committee meeting](#) – *December 28*

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The Tunisian House of the People's Representatives elected last week the new members and President of the Independent Electoral Commission (ISIE). With both Parliamentary and Presidential elections due this year, Ennahdha views these appointments critical to ensure the transparency and fairness of the democratic process.

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## IN THE NEWS

- [Ennahdha politician Dr. Naoufel Eljammali MP: Tunisia deserves enhanced neighborly relations with the EU](#) - February 11
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- [Democrat or Islamist firebrand - who is Tunisia's Rachid Ghannouchi?](#) - January 28
- [Tunisia honors anniversary of abolishment of slavery](#) - January 23
- [The "Sheikha", the city and its problems](#) - January 16
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- [Unlike other Arab regimes, Tunisia's remembers old crimes](#) - December 19
- [Tunisia's trade exchanges up 3.7% by end of November 2018](#) - December 18
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